

said: "Sammy, my dear, let this teach you that many pretty things have very sharp stings."

Let every child take note of this: "Many pretty things have very sharp stings." It may save them from being stung if they keep this truth in mind.

Sin often makes itself appear very pretty. A boy, once went to the circus because the horses were pretty and their riders gay, but he learned to swear there, and thus that pretty thing—the circus—stung him.

Another boy once thought wine a pretty thing: he drank it, and learned to be a drunkard. Thus wine stung him.

A girl once took a luscious pear from a basket and ate it. Being asked if she had done so, and fearing she would not get another if she said "Yes," she replied "No." She got another pear, and then felt so stung that she could not sleep.

Thus you see that sin, however pretty it looks, stings. It stings sharply, too. It stings fatally. The Bible says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

If you let sin sting you nothing can heal the wound but the blood of Jesus. If you feel the smart of the sting, go to Jesus with it, and He will cure it. After that never forget that many pretty things have very sharp stings, and be careful not to touch, taste or handle such things.

A GIRL, who had been very observant of her parents' mode of exhibiting their charity, being asked what generosity was, answered: "It's giving to the poor all the old stuff you don't want yourself."

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LESSON NOTES.

A.D. 29.] **LESSON VIII.** [May 23.

THE JUDGMENT; or, The Enthroned Saviour.

Matt. 25. 31-46. Commit to memory verses 34-40.

THE LESSON STORY.

Jesus was now near the city of Jerusalem, where he was soon to die. He told his disciples about the day of judgment at the end of the world. He said that he, the Son of man, will come in glory with the angels, and sit upon his throne. All the people of the world shall come before him, and shall be divided into two parts, just as a shepherd separates his sheep from his goats. Then he will say to the good upon his his right hand, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in." And they shall wonder when they did such things to their Lord and Master; but he will say, "What you have done for my sake to my people on earth is just the same as if done to me." Then he will turn to those on his left, the wicked, and say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devils and his angels."

A.D. 29.] **LESSON IX.** [May 30.

GETHSEMANE; or, The Submissive Saviour.

Matt. 26. 36-50. Commit to memory verses 38-41.

THE LESSON STORY.

The last night of Jesus' life had come. He sat with his disciples at supper, and then went with them to a garden of olive-trees called Gethsemane. Here he left most of the disciples, but, taking three of them, Peter, James, and John, into the garden, he told them to watch while he prayed, for he was troubled in soul. He went a little farther, and, falling on his face, he prayed. Then he arose and went to the three disciples, but found them all fast asleep. He said, "What! could ye not watch with me one hour?" Then, knowing how tired they were, he said: "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Then he went again, and prayed a second time that the cup of trouble might be spared, if it were God's will. He came a second time to the disciples, and found them again asleep; so he left them, and prayed again with the same words. Then he came again to the sleeping disciples, saying, "It is too late to watch now, for the enemies have come to take me. Rise up, let us go." At once came one of his own disciples, Judas Iscariot, and with him soldiers and a crowd of people to seize Jesus. He came up and kissed Jesus, as a sign to the soldiers. The soldiers then came up and took away Jesus.